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At the request of Assistant Secretary Leland, the attached document is being distributed to the IG and the subject matter will be discussed in a meeting at USTR in Room 203 on Monday, April 11 at 6:00 p.m.

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### ISSUE PAPER

## U.S.-USSR Grains Agreement

#### Issue

The corrent U.S.-USSR Grains Agreement will expire on September 30, 1983. The Soviets have indicated that they are not interested in further 1-year extensions. They have told us that trade expansion is best facilitated by long-term obligations and are ready to negotiate a new long-term agreement with us. Both sides have indicated a desire to work toward expansion of our grain trade. The Administration must decide soon whether to initiate talks on a new LTA.

## Options

Option 1: Allow the existing U.S.-USSR Grains Agreement to expire without providing for any formal agricultural trading agreement between the two countries after September 30, 1983.

## Advantages:

- Would be consistent with the President's policy of postponing negotiations on a new long-term grain agreement